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N A T O C O N F I D E N T I A L CITE MARAD WA-75-0969
SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF MESSAGES TO U.S. MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE, LONDON
REQUEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED:
TO: MR. RICHARD GAGE, FOREIGN MARITIME REPRESENTATIVE
U. S. EMBASSY
LONDON, ENGLAND
SUBJECT: ADP ADVISORY GROUP MEETING, LONDON, JANUARY 6, 1976
1. REQUEST MR. GAGE ATTEND THE ADPAG MEETING ANNOUNCED BY
PBOS WORKING PAPER AC/271-ADPAG-WP/6, IF PRACTICABLE.
2. U.S. POSITION HAS BEEN THAT AN OVERALL ADP PLAN FOR THE
DSA SHOULD BE PRODUCED BEFORE LOCATE IS DEVELOPED. HOWEVER,
U.S. DELEGATION AGREED AT PBOS-27 TO CONTINUATION OF LOCATE
DEVELOPMENT AS, IN EFFECT, THE QUID PRO QUO FOR PBOS APPROVAL
OF THE DSA PLANS REVIEW. CONSEQUENTLY, AT JANUARY 6 MEETING
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NOT OBSTRUCT EFFORTS OF ADPAG TO
PROCEED WITH LOCATE BUT SHOULD AVOID COMMITTING U.S. AT THIS
TIME TO SUPPORT PROVISIONS OF UNBUDGETED NATO FUNDS OR U.S.
NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR LOCATE DEVELOPMENT.
3. WE ARE INTERESTED IN DETAILS OF RESULTS OF MEETING MENTIONED
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4. REGARDING NCCDPC-C(74)30, ATTACHED TO WP/6:

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A. THE OVERALL ADP PLAN MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 7A HAS NOT BEEN PRODUCED. IMPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF WP/6 IS THAT NCCDPC HAS AGREED TO WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT. IFSO, U.S. SHOULD NOT OBJECT.

B. PLANS REVIEW STUDY GROUP HAS NOTED THAT ALLOCATION SYSTEM WHICK LOCATE WOULD SUPPORT WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE FAIRLY SMALL NUMBER OF TRAMPS NOT EMPLOYED IN LINER, DRY BULK, TANKER AND MILITARY SERVICES. THEREFORE, LOCATE WOULD SEEM TO APPLY TO ONLY THAT SMALL GROUP OF TRAMPS, WHICH RAISES QUESTION WHETHER EFFORT INVOLVED IN LOCATE IS WORTH UNDERTAKING FOR THE APPARENT SMALL RETURN. IF ANOTHER DELEGATION RAISED THIS POINT, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT SUPPORT.

5. REGARDING "NEXT STEPS," MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF WP/6, APPOINTMENT OF A SMALL ACTION GROUP, CONSISTING OF LONDON SECRETARY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO OR THREE EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS, TO PROCEED WITH LOCATE DEVELOPMENT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

6. IF MR. GAGE CANNOT ATTEND JANUARY 6 MEETING, PLEASE CONVEY TO LONDON SECRETARIAT OUR REGRET THAT U.S. IS UNABLE TO ATTEND AND OUR INTEREST IN RECEIVING REPORT OF MEETING AS EARLY AS MAY BE CONVENIENT. UNQTE INGERSOLL

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